

# YOUNG FARMERS HELP 4-H & NEEDED FAMILIES



MANCHESTER, NH - Hunger is a reality for many New Hampshire families. Realizing this and thinking of those less fortunate the New Hampshire Young Farmer Committee donated locally raised 4-H lamb to the NH Food Bank today.

Food pantries across the state are experiencing record numbers of people needing food for their families. With that in mind, the NH Farm Bureau Federation Young Farmer Committee wanted to help out those in need as well as a local 4-Her.

Many Young Farmers were 4-H members themselves at one time and know the great value in the program. Arrangements were made to purchase a market lamb at the Hillsboro County 4-H Market Lamb Sale on September 13. Purchasing a 4-H lamb from nine year old Olivia Briggs of Sullivan to donate to the Food Bank was just another way for the group to give back and help out.

The lamb donated to the NH Food Bank in Manchester will be distributed

across the state. "We hope that the families who receive this fresh local lamb will find it to be the best lamb they have ever tasted," said Young Farmer Committee Chair Beth Hodge. "We wanted to contribute to needy families in the state and help out a 4-Her who has worked hard to raise her lamb to market weight." There are many contributors who have made this donation a reality. Special thanks to Lemay & Sons in

Goffstown for supporting the Food Bank and 4-H by processing the lamb at no expense to the Young Farmer Committee, Olivia Briggs for raising a nicely finished lamb, and to Olivia's parents Dana and Tiffany Briggs for supporting and encouraging Olivia during her project.

The Young Farmer program is focused on personal growth and leadership development by promoting agriculture on a state and national level. The Young Farmers are proud to contribute to the Food Bank and support 4-H.



*Olivia Briggs of Sullivan with Pip, her 4-H market lamb project. Olivia won Commended Lamb in the 4-H Market Lamb class at the Hillsboro County 4-H Market Lamb show and sale. After the show Olivia posed with Pip and her sister Victoria (left).*



*Helen Costello (far left), the NH Food Bank Recipe for Success Program Manager accepts the lamb donation from the NH Farm Bureau Young Farmer Committee. The lamb will be distributed to needy families around the state.*